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W. C. Bradley House
Hurlock
1908
Private

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Occupying a principal corner at the intersection of North Main and Broad streets, the William Carlton Bradley house was built a part of a residential/commercial complex financed and operated by W. C. Bradley and his son Leland. W. C. Bradley & Son, begun around 1893, was a sizable agricultural implement and hardware concern housed in a two-story frame store across the street from the house; the storefront is enhanced by a manufactured iron and pressed metal façade imported from Evansville, Indiana. (See D-339) On the second floor, the building was used for the storage of caskets, which related to W. C. Bradley's undertaker business that he had relocated to Hurlock from his original home in Beulah, in adjacent Caroline County. Surely, the rapid pace of construction and population growth in Hurlock experienced after the construction of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad in 1890 convinced Bradley to relocate his

enterprises to Dorchester County. William Carlton Bradley's commercial complex also included carriage sales and a repair shop, and after the turn of the twentieth century, an automobile service station was erected across the street from the hardware store.

In November 1893, William Carlton Bradley, then identified as a resident of Caroline County, purchased seventy square perches of "Athols Manor," a tract constituting a large section of the developing town, from Annie M. and Henry Sinclair for \$1,000. The lot had been purchased from the Sinclairs two years earlier for \$57.50. For \$1,000, the seventy-square perch parcel was clearly improved with a substantial house. When W. C. Bradley and his wife, Laura, decided to erect their new Victorian dwelling, the couple relocated the existing dwelling to a site around the corner on Broad Street. In 1908, W. C. Bradley, his wife, Laura, and son Leland, along with his mother Emily and sister, Nellie Lecompte, occupied the newly erected dwelling, which was reportedly assembled by house carpenter, Charles Twilley of nearby Cabin Creek. At the death of W. C. Bradley in 1954, the complex passed to Leland, who with his wife, Ruby, maintained ownership of the large dwelling until 1965 when the property was sold to Walter Vane and Violet R. Nichols.

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Inventory No. D-340

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William Carlton Bradley House
other Walter Vane Nichols House

2. Location

street and number 111 North Main Street not for publication
city, town Hurlock vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nancy Andolfatto and Benjamin Franklin Burris, Jr.
street and number P. O. Box 940 telephone
city, town Hollywood state South Carolina zip code 29449

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 460 folio 145
city, town Cambridge tax map 400 tax parcel 372 tax ID number 15-007508

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The William Carlton Bradley house, also known as the Walter Vane Nichols house, is located at 111 North Main Street on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Main and Broad streets in the center of Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland. The large, two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style frame house, erected in 1908, faces southwest with the steeply pitched hip roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. Joining the house on the corner lot is a single-story frame garage dating from the early twentieth century as well. Supported on a raised brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, the asymmetrical plan frame dwelling is sheathed with a combination of plain weatherboard siding and fishscale shingles within the gable ends. The steeply pitched hip roof, along with an octagonal corner tower and projecting gable roofed pavilions on each elevation are covered with pattern slate with metal cresting at the ridges.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The William Carlton Bradley house, built in 1908, is prominently sited on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Main and Broad streets in the center of Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland. Designated with an address of 111 North Main Street, the two-and-a-story Queen Anne frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of plain weatherboards and fishscale shingles. The complex roofs forms, with a center steeply pitched hip extended by a tower and gable roofed pavilions, are sheathed with patterned slate. The house is joined on the corner lot by a single-story gable roofed frame garage covered with pressed metal sheets.

The southwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical façade dominated by a projecting two-story pavilion incorporating a two-story, three-sided bay and engaged porch that opens onto the roof of a wraparound porch that extends to the north side. Juxtaposed next to the gable-roofed pavilion is a three-story octagonal tower that accents the northwest corner of the house. Centered between the tower and the pavilion and sheltered by the single-story porch is the main entrance, which is distinguished by a Colonial Revival oval glass front door topped by a transom window and flanked on its left (north) side by a oval colored glass window. The front porch features tall brick plinths that support paired colonettes that rise to a flat roof edged by a shed roofed section covered with slate and topped by a low balustrade. The first and second stories are largely lighted by one-over-one sash windows of varying size. Decorative windows in the upper gables feature multi-sectioned upper window sash. The gable end pavilions are pierced by tripartite banks of windows framed within a field of fishscale shingles. The edge of the roof is extended and the peak of the gable is accented with decorative Victorian sawnwork.

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The north and south elevations are asymmetrical façades with projecting two-story gable roofed pavilions pierced by single-pane sash windows and topped by triangular pediments sheathed with fishscale shingles and trimmed with modest Victorian eave decoration. Rising through the center of the house are two large brick chimney stack.

Standing east of the house is a single-story gable roofed frame garage facing Broad Street. The rectangular structure is sheathed with decorative pressed metal.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates	1908	Architect/Builder	Charles Twilley, Carpenter
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Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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¹ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 18/156, 13 November 1893, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Dorchester County Land Record, CL 15/244, 6 April 1891, Dorchester County Courthouse.

³ Jessie Virginia Stevens, *Old and Charming: Some of the Older Homes of Hurlock, Maryland.*, 1992, pp. 29-30.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, 142/477, 18 May 1965, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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111 North Main Street
Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland

CHAIN OF TITLE
Map 400, Parcel 372

MLB 460/145

Raymond W. Boggs, Sr. and Frances W. Boggs

to

9.11.2001

Nancy Andolfatto and Benjamin Franklin Burris

262/539

Herbert Clark Gussin and Helen M. Gussin

to

6.13.1990

Raymond W. Boggs, Sr. and Frances W. Boggs

244/629

Walter Vane Nichols and Violet R. Nichols

to

5.8.1987

Herbert C. Gussin and Helen M. Gussin

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142/477

Leland A. Bradley and Ruby W. Bradley

to

5.18.1965

Walter Vane Nichols and Violet R. Nichols

Upon the death of William C. Bradley, who died intestate, 12.14.1954,
property inherited by Leland A. Bradley

CL 18/156

Annie M. Sinclair and Henry Sinclair

to

11.13.1893

William Carlton Bradley of Caroline County

\$1,000

Beginning for the out bounds of said Lot of land on the east edge of the Main Street or road through said town or village at the North west corner of a lot of land owned by Leved Noble thence North twenty six degrees and forty five minutes East thirteen and four tenths perches, thence North twenty degrees and fifteen minutes west six and seven tenths perches and one and a half links to a new street on the South edge called broad street, thence with said Street and South edge of same South sixty seven degrees and thirty minutes west thirteen perches to said Main Street or road, on the east edge of same, thencecontaining seventy six square perches of land more or less....

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CL 15/244

James M. Andrews and Sallie N. Andrews

to

4.6.1891

Annie M. Sinclair

\$ 57.50 "Athols Manor" 23 square perches

Beginning on the East edge of the road leading from the Cambridge and Seaford Rail Road Station to Washington Cemetery at a post, a corner of the lot of land now owned by said Annie M. Sinclair, thence wit a new road laid off by said James M. Andrews, on the South edge of same North sixty seven degrees and thirty minutes east thirteen perches, thence South nineteen degrees and forty five minutes east three perches and fourteen links, to said lot of land owned by Annie M. Sinclair, thence with said land straight to first place of beginning containing twenty three square perches of land more or less.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

North Dorchester Heritage Festival at Hurlock, Maryland, Festival booklet, June 5-11, 1955.

Stevens, Jessie Virginia. *Old and Charming: Some of the Older Homes of Hurlock, Maryland.*, 1992.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 11,534 square feet

Acreage of historical setting 11,534 square feet

Quadrangle name Federalburg, MD 1944

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

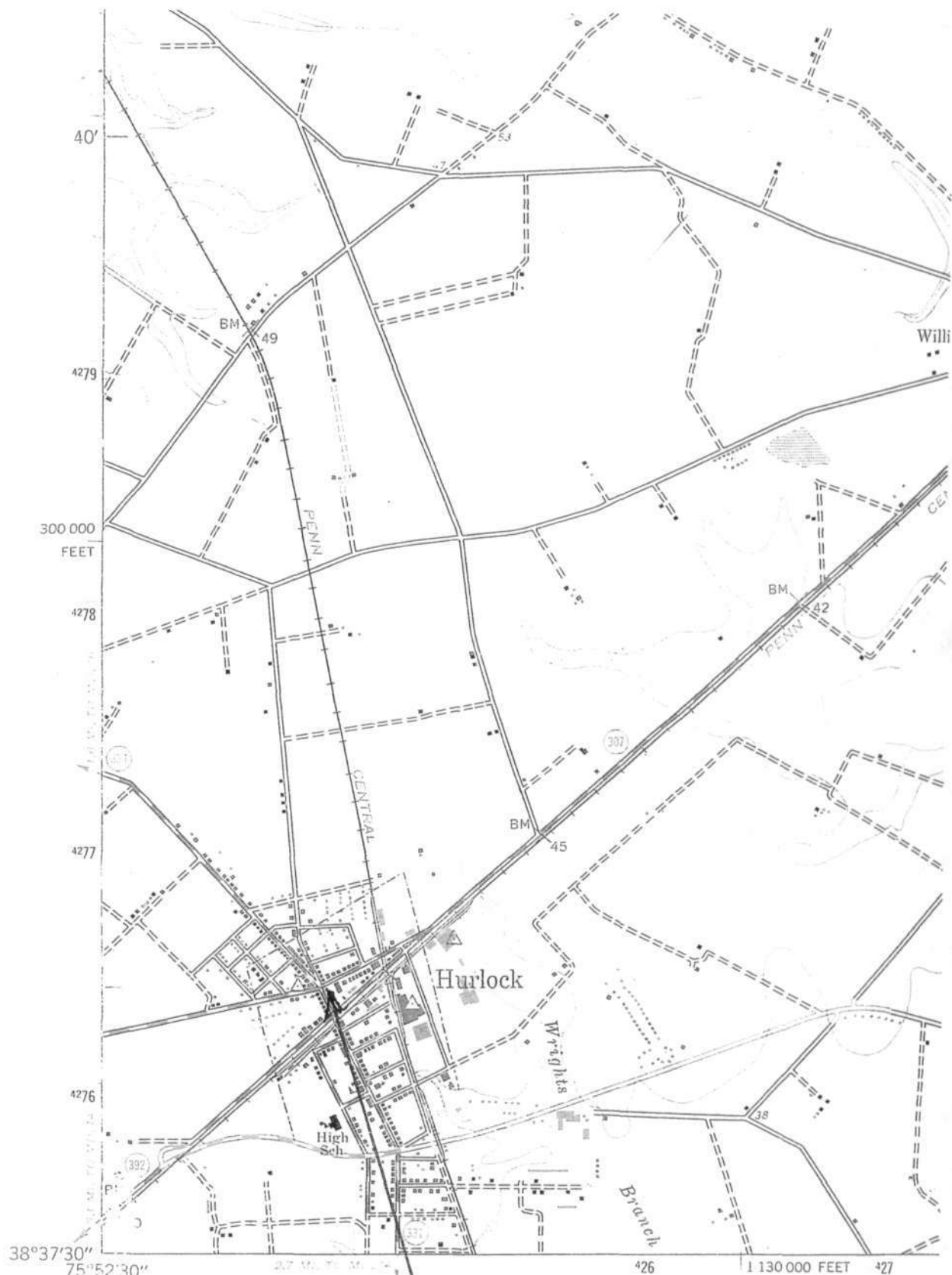
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Hertiage & Preservation	date	11/9/2007
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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(EAST NEW MARKET)
5861 III SW

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
and by planetable surveys 1944. Aerial photographs taken 1942

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid zone
zone 18, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the
aerial photographs taken 1974. This info

★
MN
GN
0°30' 9 MILES
9° 160 MILES

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Federalsburg, MD Quadrangle, 1944



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W. C. BRANLEY HOUSE

HARLOCK, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

11/07, PAUL THOMAS, PHOTOGRAPHER

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W.C. BRADLEY House
HURLOCK, DORCHESTER Co., MD.
NORTHWEST ELEVATION
11/07, PAUL TOWART, PITOTIS KAPITEK
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W. C. BRADLEY HOUSE

HURLOCK, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

Northwest ELEVATION

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W. C. BRADLEY House

HURLOCK, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

11/07, PAUL TONART, PHOTOGRAPHER

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W.C. BRADLEY House
Hurlock, Dorchester Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

11/07, PAUL TOWART, PITTSBURGH
MD./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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W. C. BRADLEY HOUSE

HURLUCK, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEV. OF GARAGE

11/07, PAUL TOWARI, PITTSBURGH

WEB. / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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Nichols House
Hurlock
Private

1909

The Nichols House is without a doubt the most imposing building in Hurlock, as well as one of the best-preserved residences in town. Built in 1909 by one of Hurlock's most successful merchants, W.C. Bradley, it is an elegant and sophisticated example of the late phase of Queen Anne style architecture. Features of this style include the irregular skyline and massing of component parts, the use of patterned stained glass, and the commodious wraparound porch. Elements of the neo-Georgian are also in evidence here, particularly in the use of paired columns on the porch, as well as the large hip roof.

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111 N. Main St.
Hurlock
Federalsburg Quad.
Dorchester Co.



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M. Bowne Nov 1975